

Rock fish or bass.

The red rockfish or bass continues to grow in popular esteem as a food fish. This is evident from the fact that a considerable quantity was frozen by the larger companies operating cold storage plants in Alaska. With the establishment of a trade in rockfish, fishermen will find it profitable to save all such fish which heretofore have been dumped in large numbers not only because they were of little value but in order that all space in the fishing vessels might be filled with halibut. In proportion as the demand for halibut exceeds the supply, the cheaper and hitherto neglected species will be utilized.

The production of rockfish in 1917 was 150,453 pounds, valued at \$3,696, as compared with 45,200 pounds in 1916, valued at \$1,294. Of that amount, 19,350 pounds were sold fresh for \$1,075, and 131,103 pounds, valued at \$2,621, were frozen.

Shrimps.

Glacier

The Alaskan Sea Food Company, at Petersburg, pickled 65,000 pounds of shrimps, valued at \$3,400. This output is slightly less than in 1916 when the total value of shrimp fishery products was \$3,750.

Crabs.

No more delectable food is taken from the waters of Alaska than the crabs, yet notwithstanding their wide distribution they are taken commercially to a very limited extent, and but two localities are reported as having produced any. A total of 360 dozen, valued at \$540, was taken at Tenakee, while 50 dozens, valued at \$125, were marketed at Cordova.